



HOTEL FRYE

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MANAGERS

SEATTLE'S NEWEST AND LARGEST HOTEL

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White Horse Y. J.
July 18th 1920

Dear Sidonia:-

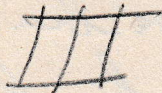
I reached W. H. at 5-30

Friday evening Mr. Charles H. Baxter met us at the depot. He is a fine fellow 38 yrs. old married & one soon 10 yrs old. I received the card you sent me at Hordan or rather I should call it a letter dated June 27th. I told Marnie to forward any mail which I might get from you. I also got the letter you sent up here June 29th and a letter each from Marnie & John. I was the only one who had mail here and Pat tried to take it away from me

You speak of going to a dance well
You have nothing on me for we
had several on the boat, on the way up
here. We also went to a dance the
first night we were in White Horse.
There are no girls here just a few
women who are sticking by the ones
they love and they are sure making
sacrifices in this for away land.

Before I forget it. I went to mass this
morning at 7-30. A Priest from
Shogway came up yesterday I forget
his name and if I did know it I could
not spell it. He was in Council Bluffs
Ia. about a month ago on a visit. He is
6 ft 2 in high and just loves Camels.

They have a Church here a little
larger than the one in Horlan but
only had 15 or 16 people in mass today
at one time during the good gold
rush they had a Polish



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but things are dead now. This used to
be a city in the good old days but now
there only 300 people now and then you
must count some of the mosquitoes for
they are 2 ft. long and a mile around
and hungry as all get out. They are
easy to fill for they are so big they
move slow. The church was full of
them and I filled mosquitoes with
one hand held my rosy with the other
and cursed between times - even Father
was kept quite busy killing them.
We went fishing on the Yukon last
night. We went above W. Horse rapids
(I sent some cords of them) past square rapids
to miles coron and caught 97 grasshopper

We rode part way in a Dodge and walked
the rest. There has been many and many
a foot man lost his life and many
outfits were lost in the W. K. rapids
during the rush and stampede for gold.
We went to Lake Bennett which is the head
of the Yukon river it was here that they
built their boats after packing that got
from S. Sagway to go the rest of the
way by water. Some packed around the
rapids but most of them tried to shoot
them and many were lost. I would not
go through those rapids for an Iowa farm
we went through dead horse gulch so
named because it was here a large no.
of horses played out and slid down the
mountain side ^{with their packs on them} & some of the boxes still
have silent testimony of this awful tragedy.
The weather is a surprise to all of us for
the further north we came the warmer it
got. It is warmer here than any Ia.
weather we had before I left can you
beat it?

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It will be much colder when we will be out
 as we are in a valley here right on the
 Yukon river. Mr Baxter said they had
 30 below last year before they got out from
 their hunt but I should worry as long I
 can keep dry. I forgot to mention that
 Mr Baxter & family are Catholics.

The boys are sleeping but I do mine at
 night aren't you glad? for if I were
 sleeping I would not be writing
 Boy sis, go slow with that white shirt
 & waist & high collar and red silk tie at
 all those dances even though there are
 no girls up here or won't be from here
 on I met a fine bunch (with a few
 exceptions) on the boat, one with eyes
 so blue and laugh so gay - but shoot it

Julie I don't feel like teasing even
if you do. But on the way up about the
4th day out it was discovered I was the
only single man on deck and about 9 girls
tried to make life miserable to me
but they did not succeed. I spent most of my
time with Mrs Graham a member of our
party as her hubby did not care to
be on deck. She is a fine woman her
father being a missionary with the
Indians. One of the girls got sore one
day and said Mr. Graham should care
for his wife instead of staying in the
smoking room. she meant it too, some
joke don't you think. But cost aside all
jokes, of all the girls I've met I would
not trade one of your smiles for the whole
bunch of them. All I'm afraid of is that
you might fall for someone while I'm gone
but it serves me right for coming way
up here without some understanding
with you. but if I had an understanding
with you I could not of left you for it

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was all I could do ^{to} leave as I did.
 It sure was a sad parting when Mrs
 Graham + Coraway bid their wives
 goodbye when the boat sailed back.
 We got a telegram yesterday from them sent
 from Ketchikan saying they had reached
 that port and that all was well
 We start to pack our stuff
 tomorrow and leave for Bass Creek
 early Thursday morning.
 I don't suppose I'll get any more
 mail before we leave but I
 hope I do. If I don't get it now
 I'll get it when we return off
 our trip. I wish I could be with
 you tonight - I will be in

thought but I wonder who you
will be with?

They have some very good laws here
but the people are good for if one
does anything up here these N, W, P, M, P.
will follow a fellow to the end of
the world. they are well trained
to. which our Police are not and
will do almost ~~anything~~ anything for a
bribe. How do you like this paper
also the lead pencil. I'll soon be using
a piece of charcoal and a slab of bark
I swiped this paper in Seattle.

Say before I forget it I want to tell you
of an experience I had the other night
at 12 o'clock midnight no moons stars

I read the Ladies Home Journal with out
a light so you see it does not get very
dark here in the summer. Well little
girl. I'll close for this time. With all the
kisses you may wish I am as ever. Will



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